

In re: Kakefuda et al.  
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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please replace the first paragraph, which is immediately below the section heading "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS", with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/426,568, filed October 22, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,348,643, which claims the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/106,239, filed October 29, 1998; both of which are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety by reference.

On page 41, please replace the last paragraph with the following paragraph:

Based on the techniques of the present invention and following ~~stringent~~ stringent DNA hybridization techniques, homologous AHAS small subunit gene sequences can be obtained from a variety of plant species, such as rice, maize, wheat, barley, and the like. Therefore, these AHAS small subunit gene sequences are also useful in the present vectors and methods for transforming plants.